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Lisa A. Mills, Ph.D. is currently a consultant on disability employment policy and systems change working in thirteen states under contracts including the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, the National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities, the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities, the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services, and the Southeast Training and Technical Assistance Center.

Prior to filling these roles, she served as employment policy consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for seven years. In this role, she researched and identified nationwide best practices for increasing integrated employment outcomes for people with developmental disabilities.

In 2007 and 2008, she served as lead staff to Wisconsin's Managed Care and Employment Task Force, and in the four years that followed, Lisa was one of the key people responsible for implementation of Task Force recommendations. She led the state's initiatives around customized employment, systematic instruction and outcome-based reimbursement, as well as Wisconsin's CRP Rebalancing Initiative which supports sheltered workshop and facility-based day service providers to transition to a primary focus on integrated employment services.

Lisa was also centrally involved in rewriting the state's employment service definitions during the 2010 HCBS waiver renewal process. Lisa previously consulted with ODEP on three customized employment projects and also does customized employment training with Marc Gold & Associates. She currently works with states on waiver renewals, policy and funding models, supporting service provider capacity-building and engaging the workforce system as critical partners with Medicaid and VR.

Lisa also serves as a board member, public policy chair and employment committee chair for TASH and is a senior technical advisor and Ruderman Foundation Fellow for the National Coalition to Promote Self-Determination.

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